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ITALY.

Report from Naples.

NAPLES, ITALY, November 7, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to report that for the week ended November 7, 1900, the following ships were inspected:

On November 3, the steamship *Bolivia* of the Anchor Line, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 579 steerage passengers and 100 pieces of large and 600 pieces of small baggage. One hundred and twenty-nine pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam. On November 3, the steamship *Archimede*, of the Italian Navigation Company, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 853 steerage passengers, 217 pieces of large and 210 pieces of small baggage. One hundred and sixty-nine pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam.

Respectfully,

VICTOR G. HEISER,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

JAPAN.

Plague in Osaka and Kobe.

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, October 23, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that since the date of my last return, October 8, 3 new cases of plague have been reported from Osaka, all fatal. This makes the totals of the recent outbreak, 28 cases and 23 deaths. On October 19, Acting Assistant Surgeon Fowler notified me by telegraph of the detection of a case of plague in Kobe, and, on the receipt of a further dispatch from that officer, dated yesterday, informing me of the appearance of the disease in a second instance, I this morning cabled you, in code, as follows: "Plague is now present in Kobe." October 19, upon receipt of Acting Assistant Surgeon Fowler's telegram, I issued the inclosed circular to steamship agents.

Respectfully,

STUART ELDRIDGE,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,
Sanitary Inspector, Yokohama.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

[Inclosure.—Circular.]

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, October 16, 1900.

To agents of steamships plying to the United States, Hawaii, the Philippines and Guam:

The occurrence of a case of plague in Kobe, yesterday, renders necessary the application of the provisions of circular from this office, of date April 15, 1900, as regards that port.

You will be good enough to govern your passenger business accordingly.

STUART ELDRIDGE,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., Sanitary Inspector, Yokohama.

Plague again appears in Kobe.

KOBE, JAPAN, October 22, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to report that plague has again broken out in this port of Kobe.

A young man living in Ono, where the epidemic first started, was taken ill on the 14th instant and died on the 16th instant.

An analytical examination was held by the authorities and germs of the plague bacillus were discovered.

Twenty doctors were immediately dispatched to Ono and a health examination was enforced on the people in the locality. Fifteen houses and 170 persons have been isolated for ten days.

Respectfully,

J. BUCKWILL FOWLER,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

MEXICO.

Report from Vera Cruz.

VERA CRUZ, MEXICO, *November 11, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report for the week ended November 10, 1900:

From yellow fever there were 8 cases and 5 deaths. From smallpox there were no cases reported, but 1 death. There were 32 deaths reported from all causes.

The health conditions in the shipping continue good, few cases of any kind of sickness appearing aboard the vessels.

Eight vessels were inspected and issued bills of health. Only 2 of the vessels carried passengers, and of the 108 passengers only 30 were for United States and Cuban ports, all of the others being for Mexican ports.

Respectfully,

SAML. H. HODGSON,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

NICARAGUA.

Reports from Bluefields—Fruit port.

BLUEFIELDS, NICARAGUA, *October 31, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to render the following weekly report: One steamship, the *John Wilson*, has been inspected and cleared for Mobile, Ala., via Bocas del Toro; she had no passengers.

No deaths have been reported in Bluefields for the week ended October 28.

The general health of the town and country adjacent is very good.

Respectfully,

D. W. GOODMAN,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

BLUEFIELDS, NICARAGUA, *November 1, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report of the transactions at this port for the month of October:

Seven steamships have been inspected and cleared, carrying 37 passengers. Sixty-three pieces of baggage have been disinfected, besides the extra clothing of the gangs of laborers who regularly unload and load the fruit vessels.